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Human Smuggling

The importation of people into the United States involving deliberate evasion of immigration laws. This offense includes importation, as well as, the unlawful transportation and harboring of aliens already in the United States.



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Smuggling

Crime against a border

Transportation based

Requires border crossing

Voluntary

Trafficking

Crime against a person

Exploitation based

No border crossing required

Involuntary



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Labor Trafficking

- The sale of men, women, and children into hard labor for which they receive little or no compensation.
- Using force, fraud or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, obtain or employ a person for labor or services in involuntary servitude, debt bondage, or slavery.



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Methods of Trafficking

- **Force** (rape, beatings, constraint, confinement)
- **Fraud** (false/deceptive offers of employment, marriage, a better life)
- **Coercion** (Threats of serious harm, physical restraint, legal persecution; any scheme that causes victims to believe that failure to perform an act would result in harm)

These methods are used by traffickers to press victims into lives of servitude and abuse



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- Which industries have adverse working conditions?
 - Harsh work environment, onerous hours
 - Substandard or controlled living arrangements, isolation
- Where are there vulnerable workers?
 - Undocumented migrants, visa overstays, guest workers
 - Juveniles, individuals with drug dependencies, individuals with cognitive disabilities
 - Discrepancy in guest worker applications
- Are there coercive terms or practices?
 - Debts, quotas, company store
 - Wage kickback schemes
 - Controlled access to earnings and documents



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Industries

- Farming/Agriculture work
- Landscaping
- Construction
- Hotel or Tourist industries
- Janitorial Services
- Restaurant/Cooks
- Waitresses/Waiter
- Factory Work
- Domestic Servitude/
Housekeeping/Nanny

*****Anywhere a service is provided for a fee
there is the potential for Human
Trafficking Victims*****



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Trafficking Indicators

- Evidence of being controlled
- Evidence of inability to make decisions
- Bruises
- Back pain or other signs of physical abuse
- Apparent fear or depression
- Not speaking on own behalf
- Difficulty communicating because of language or culture barriers
- No passport or other forms of identification or documentation

**High potential for trafficking to be
misdiagnosed**



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Questions....

- What are your living conditions like?
- What are your working conditions like?
- Where do you eat and sleep?
- Do you have to ask permission to eat/sleep/go to the bathroom/use the phone?
- Are there any locks on your doors/windows so you cannot get out?
- How come you came to the US?
- Did you expect it to be like this?



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Forced Labor



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Domestic Servitude



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Encouragement/ Answers

- Help/Safety #1 Priority
- Avoid other victimization
- Assistance/ Medical Care/ Legal Aid
- Immigration Relief- Continued Presence, T-Visa, VAWA, U-Visa

If you are a victim of trafficking,
you can receive help to rebuild
your life safely in this country.



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